



# Medina City Schools

Recognizing Potential ~ Maximizing Achievement

## Moving Medina Forward-The Year in Review

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- ✓ The district hired a new Treasurer and a permanent Superintendent and appointed two new Board of Education members.
- ✓ The district's human resource department and administrative staff worked diligently to fill approximately 100 vacancies prior to the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
- ✓ Thanks to the continued support of our community and the passage of the 5.9 mill levy in November 2013, the district has been able to make positive changes to increase opportunities to our students. Forty-one new or reinstated course offerings are available at the high school level; additional elective opportunities are offered at the middle school level; art, music and physical education have been restored to full-time activities for elementary students as well as the addition of gifted and reading intervention teachers; and busing has been returned to the one mile limit.
- ✓ Medina was chosen to host Governor Kasich and his contingents as he delivered his State of the State Address at the Performing Arts Center.
- ✓ Our teaching staff continues to receive awards for their hard work and efforts to make a difference: Distinguished Service Award, Crystal Apple Award, Teacher of the Week, and Ohio State Senate and House of Representative proclamations to touch on a few. Several staff members have also had the opportunity to present and share their expertise with other groups and districts.
- ✓ The Manufacturing Road Show provided a unique opportunity to all Medina High School sophomores to discover the various aspects of the manufacturing process thanks to the Medina County Economic Development Corporation, multiple sponsors and Medina High School staff members.
- ✓ The district participated in the One Book, One Community project in conjunction with United Way of Medina County and Medina County Public Library. Each sixth grade student throughout the county received their own personal copy of the book, *Wonder*. This project encouraged the reading of the story and discussion throughout our district/community and all districts/communities in Medina County.
- ✓ Some of the staff from Heritage Elementary and the Educational Services Department had the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience in the area of research-based intervention for students with dyslexia with Fran Warkomski of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The district was chosen by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to utilize as a benchmark because of programming that is in place in our district with proven success.
- ✓ The playground at Waite Elementary was dedicated to honor the late Waite Elementary fifth grade teacher, Dan Sherman.
- ✓ Medina athletics continued to excel in many areas such as Girls Lacrosse, Girls and Boys Soccer, Boys and Girls Golf, and Cross Country to name a few.
- ✓ The Medina Musical Marching Bees and Encore continue to excel earning top awards this past year.